((ख) क्या सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ और खजुराहों क्षेत्र में आदिकाल के कुछ पुरान वृक्ष तथा स्थल होने की सूचना प्राप्त हुई है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या मध्य प्रदेश और गुजरात की सरकारों ने इन स्थानों को पर्यटन-स्थलों के रूप में विकसित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है, और

(ड़) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में सरकारी तौर पर कोई अध्ययन करवाया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (घ) ऐतिहासिक स्थलों को शामिल करते हुए पर्यटक स्थलों का विकास और पहचान करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है जो अनिवार्य रूप से संबंधित राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है । केन्द्र सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश और गुजरात राज्य सरकार से नए ऐतिहासिक स्थलों और प्राचीन वृक्षों तथा आदिकाल के स्थलों के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं ।

(ड़) जी, नहीं ।

Publication of Booklet Titled "Highlights of Programmes,Policies & Implementation"

*323. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the booklet published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 31st May, 1995, titled "Highlights of Programmes, Policies & Implementation" is available in regional languages;

(b) if not, whether it will be made available; and

(c) whether arrangements for its proper distribution will be made; and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA):' (a) and (b) The booklet titled "Highlights of Policies, Programmes and Implementation" has been brought out in English ana ...iioi languages. Backgrounders/features based on this material have been issued by PIB Branch/Regional offices in other regional languages.

(c) The booklet has been supplied to eminent media persons and different media units of the Ministry for appropriate use in their publicity efforts.

Need for Reviewing the Policy of Seetting up Big Hydro Projects

*324. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned. "Temples of Modern India amidst controversy" appearing in the "Times of .India' of October 23, 1995, highlighting the need for a review of the whole policy of setting up big hydro projects; especially the projects presently in hand; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to cause a comprehensive review of the policy and the projects and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b) The need to accord priority to the development of the hydro-electric power potential of the country for the optimum operation of the power system has been recognised by the Government. However, while clearing individul hydcl projects for execution, due consideration is given to all relevant factors including environmental, rehabilitation and safety factors. No review of the present approach of the Government is contemplated.